

For the Week of May 1, 2017

Upcoming Town Meetings*

- Selectboard: Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 PM
- Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 AM
- Joint Planning Commission and Development Review Board: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 PM

*All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise indicated.

Upcoming events:

- **Green Up Day, Saturday, May 6.** See Manager's Message of the Week (below) for full details.
- **10th Annual Colchester Touch-A-Truck:** Saturday, May 6: Quiet time (no sirens) 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Sirens or air horns may be used from 10:30 – 11:00 AM. At Colchester High School Parking Lot
- **Causeway 5K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 3 at Airport Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. \$25 for 5K / \$30 for 15K. Register by May 1 to guarantee t-shirt size. More info at <http://colchestervt.gov/358/Causeway-5K-15K-Race>
- **33rd Annual Triathlon:** Sunday, July 31 at Bayside Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. Early bird rates if registering by May 1. Register by May 26 to guarantee t-shirt size. More info at <http://www.colchestertri.com> Both races offer online registration at www.active.com
- **Volunteers are needed for the Causeway and Triathlon races!** Email Mike at mlapan@colchestervt.gov to volunteer or learn more. Come join in the fun and meet new friends!

Notices:

- **There will be no regular meeting of the Conservation Commission this month.** Members will be overseeing Green Up Day coordination and planting flowers at the end of the month as part of Colchester Blooms.
- **Route 2A Construction** - The Vermont Agency of Transportation's project to rebuild a section of U.S. Route 7/2 and VT Route 2A between Bay Road and Creek Farm Road has begun. There will be one-way alternating traffic while construction activities occur between 7 am and 6 pm. You may want to seek an alternate route, and be prepared for possible delays. See www.i89colchester.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/route7-2.html for more information.

Manager's Message of the Week: Green Up Day

Vermont's annual **Green Up Day** is coming up this weekend, Saturday May 6th. There are a couple of changes this year:

- Bags are available this week at the Colchester Police Department on Blakely Road, Burnham Library on Main Street and at Niquette State Park.
- **There will be signup sheets at each location when you pick up bags.** We need to know the location where people will clean, the number of people in your group and the name of the contact person. This information will help us determine what areas are left to clean up and where to send folks Saturday.
- The Conservation Commission will be at the Police Department on Saturday from 8 AM to 2 PM. We will assign areas to people who did not pre-register.
- Be sure to join us from noon to 1 PM for the Cook Out sponsored by the Colchester Milton Rotary and the superb cooking team from Colchester Lions club!

Our thanks to Meyer's Red Can Family for their contribution of a dumpster for Green Up Day trash. It will be located in front of the Colchester Town Offices.

Burnham Memorial Library
Kelly McCagg, Director

Spring is making its presence known and animals, plants, and people are coming out for the milder conditions. No matter your plans for the coming months, the library can help. We have books for summer projects; picture books and kid-friendly movies for summer vacation; albums for your personal soundtrack; audiobooks for those long car rides; magazines and paperbacks for relaxing at the beach or backyard. For all these and more, the library has what you need.

- **The library will be closed** on Thursday, May 18, for the annual Vermont Library Association Conference, as well as Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Knitting and More:** Bobble Hats – Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Knitters and other needle workers of all skill levels meet Wednesdays, beginners welcome. This month, come and learn to make bobble hats!
- **Read to Willy Wonka the Volunteer Therapy Dog** – Tuesday, May 9 & 23 at 4:15 pm. Sign up to read to our volunteer certified therapy dog. If you're not yet reading, an adult will read to you while you and Willy Wonka sit back and enjoy the stories. Call to sign up!
- **Young Writers & Storytellers** - Wednesday, May 10 & 24 from 4-5 PM. Join us for our writing club for kids, kindergarten to 5th grade. Call 264-5660 for more information, and to sign up.
- **Green Mountain Audubon Program** – Thursday, May 11 6:30 PM. Join the Green Mountain Audubon Society for another educational and fun program, next door at the Meeting House.

- **Perennial Plant Swap** – Saturday, May 20, 10 AM in the library courtyard. Bring a plant in a labeled container, and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Swapping starts precisely at 10:00 AM. Please, no Orange Daylilies/Ditch Lilies.
- **Day Trip to the Northeast Kingdom** - Saturday, June 17, 9:30 AM-7:30 PM. It's time for the annual Burnham Memorial Library bus trip! We'll explore libraries and an opera house, learn about Snowflake Bentley in Jericho, eat delicious food in Newport, stroll the lakefront, step across the Canadian border in Derby (no passport required), see stars, butterflies and bees at the Fairbanks Museum, celebrate dogs at Dog Mountain, browse at the Galaxy Bookshop in Hardwick, enjoy a snack or two, and make some new friends along the way!

Cost is \$44 per person, due at time of registration. Space is limited, and priority will be given to Colchester residents. Participants are responsible for their own food costs and souvenirs. Payments must be received by June 2.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Burnham Library. Read the itinerary at our website, or call us (264-5660) for more information.

Library hours: Monday and Wednesday 10-8; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-6; Saturday 9-3.

For more information about Burnham Library visit <http://colchestervt.gov/library> or call (802) 264-5660. You can see our full list of events at our online calendar (<http://colchestervt.gov/173/Calendar>)

Parks and Recreation Department **Glen Cuttitta, Director**

It's time to start planning your summer! Staff has been busy planning spring/summer camps, activities, and events. You can get the most up-to-date info by following us on our social media pages @ColchesterRec: we're on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat!

- Summer Camp Registrations are underway! Many camps, activities and events can be found in our Summer Guide. Be sure to check it out and try something new! The following summer camps and spring programs are full:
 - Disney Camp | Harry Potter Camp | Pirate Camp | Star Wars LEGO (UMS & PPS) | Engineering, Legos & Rocketry Camp | MasterChef Jr. Camp | Who Dunnit? Jr. Detective Camp
 - Nature & Wilderness Exploration Camp | One Day Adventures: Arbortrek (*Jay Peak & Killington One-Day Adventures still available!*)

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509

- Intermediate Pickleball A (June session) | Start Smart Baseball A | Start Smart Soccer A | Tennis Academy B |
- Limited availability on Pavilion reservations at Bayside & Airport Parks; call our office to check dates & times. Request forms can be found on our website.
- We'll be decorating the Bayside Park Bike Path with sidewalk chalk! Bike Path Botticellis is a free family program on May 20, but we ask everyone that's interested to pre-register so we can make sure we have enough chalk – see our website for details. Individual art kits can be purchased for \$5.
- Registration is still open for the 5th Annual Causeway 5K/15K Race on June 3 and the 33rd Annual Triathlon on July 30. Can't race? Consider volunteering! Contact Mike at mlapan@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5648 if you are interested in helping out at the race.
- Register now for these great programs starting soon!
 - Beginner Pickleball Lessons (Ages 55+): Bayside Park, Lower Tennis Courts, Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 16 – 25, 1 – 2:30pm, \$15 (R)/ \$20 (NR)
 - Zumba Kids (Grades 3 – 5): MBS, Thursdays, May 11 – June 8, 3:15 – 4:30pm, \$30 (R)/ \$35 (NR)
 - Senior Strong (Ages 55+): Colchester Health & Fitness, Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 6 – 29, 10:15 – 11:00am, \$65 (R)/ \$70 (NR)
 - VT Tours – One Day Expeditions (Ages 55+): Locations & fees vary; see p. 36 of Summer Guide for full details. Transportation & lunch included in fee. **Registration deadline: June 9!**
 - Sunrise Power Yoga (Ages 18+), Bayside Activity Center, Mondays & Wednesdays, June 19 – July 26, 6 – 7am, \$81 (R)/ \$86 (NR)

For more information about the Parks and Recreation Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/recreation> or call (802) 264-5640.

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